Hostos Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 | 12:00pm – 1:00pm | D-210

Minutes

In attendance

- Nathaniel Cruz
- Thierno Diallo
- Doritha Antwi
- Johanna Gómez
- Mauricette Gbenenoui
- Inzamamdeen Kassim
- Jerry Rosa
- Sakiyna Switzer
- Inés Alejandro Soriano

Call to order

• Meeting called to order at 12:07pm. Quorum established.

Review of minutes meeting 08/02/17

Minutes reviewed and approved

Association Board Elections

- Chair President or designee; usually SDEM Vice President
- Vice Chair Dean of Students
- Secretary Director of Student Activities
- SGA President is listed as a member on the Association Bylaws and he/she nominates the other student representatives
- SGA President Thierno Diallo nominates Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi, Inzamamdeen Kassim and Inés Alejandro Soriano
- Motion to appoint nominated student representatives: Inzamamdeen Kassim, Sakiyna Switzer
 - Vote: 7, 0, 0 motion approved
- Motion to appoint VP Cruz as Chair: Sakiyna Switzer, Thierno Diallo
 - Vote: 7, 0, 0 motion approved
- Motion to appoint Dean Gómez as Vice Chair: Sakiyna Switzer, Doritha Antwi
 - Vote: 7, 0, 0 motion approved
- Motion to appoint Jerry Rosa as Secretary: Mauricette Gbenenoui, Sakiyna Switzer
 - Vote: 7, 0, 0 motion approved

Review of line balances

- All line balances reviewed
- Line balances are not final registration functions and collection of fees are still ongoing
- VP Cruz the SGA Programming, Stipends and Clubs & Organizations give you the opportunity to make your presence felt
- There was a time when clubs would only get budgets of \$150 to \$200

Member Inés Alejandro enters meeting at 12:21pm

<u>Discussion about Club Startup Budget Proposal</u>

- Proposal is being presented because there are several days with no classes tends to cause delays as far as being able to hold the Budget Meeting
- There are clubs that have events planned for late September or early October proposal would assist these clubs
- Funding contingent on club certification (by SGA)
- Clubs have the option to request the startup funds or follow the standard format and submit a full budget request later on
- If funds are not used, they will be put back into the Clubs & Organizations line
- Motion to approve budget in the amount of \$10,300: Inzamamdeen Kassim, Sakiyna Switzer
 - Vote: 8, 0, 0 motion approved

Discussion about Club Assistance line and Budget Cap

- Concept behind budget cap explained
 - There were some instances in years past when budgets in the range of \$3,000 to \$5,000 were approved and that left other clubs without funds
 - o Cap created to make sure that all clubs have an opportunity to receive a budget
 - o Returning clubs that were active are usually awarded a larger budget
 - Revived or new clubs (with no record of productivity for the previous year) are awarded smaller budgets
- VP Cruz smaller budget not intended to serve a punitive purpose; intent is to protect the students (by getting them accustomed to the event-planning process)
- Thierno Diallo Can we see the proposals in advance?
 - Jerry Rosa organizations are asked to submit proposals to Student Activities about a week before the meeting
 - o Proposals are scanned and sent in advance to the board members for review
 - Board members can discuss proposals that raise questions with the club leaders before the meeting takes place
- VP Cruz club leaders should be given latitude (as far as the type of activities that they
 can organize)
- Motion to approve Club Assistance line (\$3,800) and Budget Cap Doritha Antwi, Mauricette Gbenenoui
 - Vote: 7, 0, 1 motion approved

Review of Earmark spending plans

- Health & Wellness \$5,500
 - Basically instructor fees
 - o Offering Yoga, Meditation, African Dance, Self-Defense and Zumba classes
 - Supplies \$1,000
 - O Why is the Zumba instructor paid \$100 per class?

- Instructor has been with us for over 4 years, class is very popular, usually have around 25 students per class
- Meditation starts September 28th testing out session on Thursday mornings
- o Was the self-defense class offered in the past?
 - Yes, by Public Safety, but it used to be done on Saturdays and was only open to females. This class will be open to all (male and females)
- Sports and Recreation \$68,200
 - Coaching staff for Men's & Women's basketball as well as Men's & Women's Track and Field
 - O Why is the cost of the Pool listed at \$5,000?
 - Includes equipment and lifeguard
 - o How many staff members for each sport?
 - About 5-6 (roles explained)
 - Staff for Track & Field based on the number of students about 15 students = about 4-5 staff
 - Other costs associated with the teams are gas, food, hotel costs, tournament fees, etc.
 - Staff also handles stats which have to be entered within 48 hours or the college is penalized
 - o Doritha Antwi would be more helpful if the spending plan was more detailed
 - o What about the CUNY AC (Athletic Conference)? Do they offer funding support?
 - Mr. Poole have to pay to attend their recognition events
 - o Tournaments are expected, but are not listed on the spending plan
 - Athletics also does space rentals for upkeep purposes
 - In terms of tournaments, the unit asks Administration and Finance for support
 - O What does the event staff do?
 - Set up the space, serve as hosts, supervise lockers during games, etc.
 - Usually asked to serve as a host site for CUNY Tournaments unit incurs staffing costs
- Children's Center \$20,550
 - Dean presents on behalf of Children's Center staff due to a medical emergency at the facility
 - Center has increased enrollment by about 60%
 - VP Cruz Although on campus, Children's Center is an enterprise like the Hostos Center
 - Mauricette Gbenenoui would like spending plan to be more detailed
 - Dean Gómez would be good to provide earmarks with a template to follow
- Leadership Development \$5,298.76
 - o Monthly Forums will be held in JFK Room
 - Model U.N. have to rent a van, college vans are not available
 - Why are only \$400 allocated for the Scholarship Orientations?

- Only serving snacks
- Why doesn't the college pay for the van (for the Model U.N.)?
 - Administration helps at times
- Athletics has priority in terms of use of vans
 - Teams are mandated to attend games to avoid going on conference probation
- Student Activities \$10,000
 - o Recreational activities include events like the Hostos Welcome Day
 - Office collaborates with other units that organize events and offers funding support
 - Hardship Assistance funds used based on referrals from staff or programs helping out students who are facing challenging situations (public assistance cancelled, etc.)

Member Sakiyna Switzer departs meeting at 1:08pm

- SGA Programming \$34,100
 - About 20 activities, scholarships, supplies and meetings
 - VP Cruz this is very rich; going to be watching you all
 - o Look forward to an activities brochure have support of our graphic designer
 - Recommend that you collaborate on some activities with our staff (for example: Sexual Harassment)
 - o Dean Gómez give me dates so that I can help recruit facilitators
 - O VP Cruz Can we use the word "Christmas" for the Secret Santa?
 - Dean Gómez Holiday Celebration sounds more politically-correct
- SGA Stipends \$32,000
 - VP Cruz Did the Senate vote on the amount of each stipend?
 - Yes

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm

Minutes by Jerry Rosa, Hostos Association Secretary